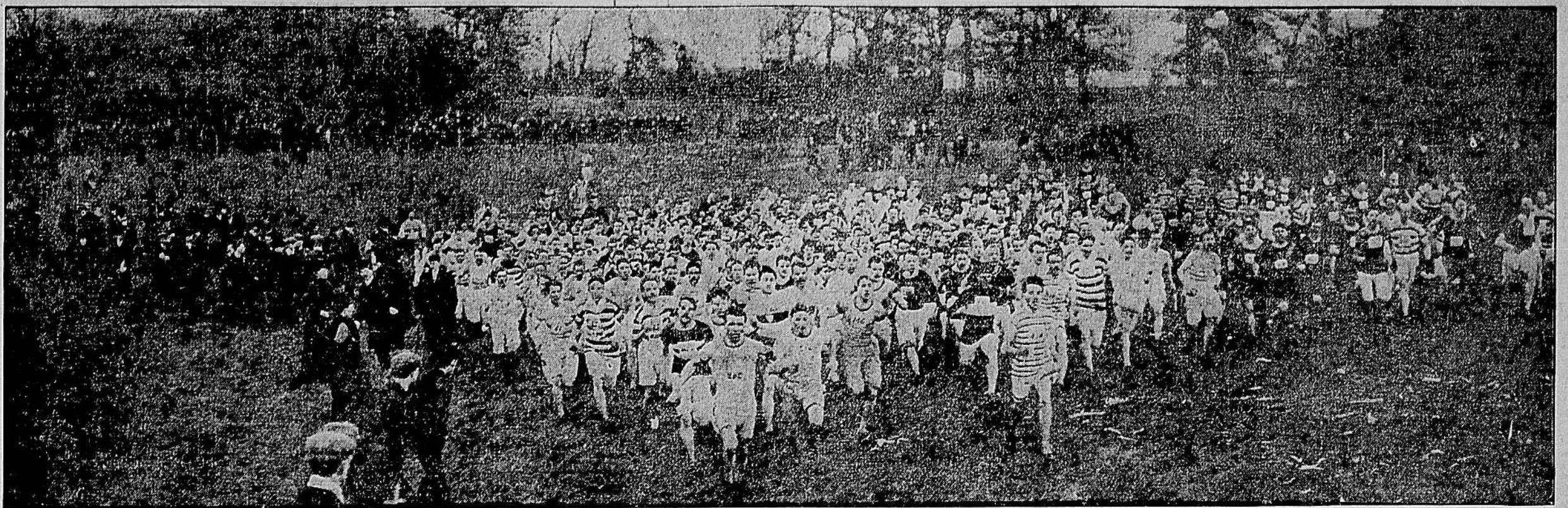


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IN SPORT WORLD

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Danville	8	7	.533
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Portsmouth	6	7	.462
Norfolk	6	8	.429
Roanoke	4	9	.308

Games To-Day.
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James A. Rector, "the Virginia Flyer," must be sent to the Olympic games in London. He has brought fame and glory to the University of Virginia athletes. Of all track events, the 100-yard dash is the most spectacular and the most coveted, and by smashing the world's record at the fifth annual Southern Intercollegiate meet at Charlottesville Saturday, he has sprouted before the public eye as the greatest of short distance runners in history. East, West, North and South, his record—2 1/2 seconds—has flashed, not stopping at the shores of the Atlantic, but traveling by cable, so that already the lovers of outdoor sports in England and other countries have looked twice and conceded the palm to America, and to the South, and to Virginia.

Too much cannot be made of this human speed-eliminator's performance. It is the first world's record ever won by a University of Virginia student, and will perhaps cause more comment than any other record ever broken anywhere. There was a quivering wind that aided Rector slightly, and the time may not be allowed by the A. A. U., although it should be, as it was not sufficient to help him. However, even if it is not allowed, Rector can be safely regarded as the trick again without trouble, as he ran on a soggy track, and the university cinder path at its best is never very fast.

But the space due this brilliant runner for eulogy must be taken up by an even more important topic: he must be sent to represent the University of Virginia in the Olympic games.

On April 22d a special dispatch was received from Charlottesville saying that, at the urgent request of his father, who is in ill health, Rector had withdrawn his name from the entry list of Olympic candidates. At the time this news came as a great shock to the Virginia student body, and was a severe blow to the sprinter himself, who had set his heart on going to London. But now, barring accidents, as Rector has proved beyond a doubt that he can outlast any sprinter in the world, it would be a great mistake to keep him from running for minor reasons.

It is the devout hope of every Southerner with a drop of sporting blood in his veins—and what one has not got plenty of—that the news of his non-record will not like a tonic upon Mr. Rector, Sr., and will induce him to feel willing to let the sprinter cross the Atlantic. To let his son lead a field of the world's best athletes—this much Mr. Rector owes to the South.

However, I am convinced that argument is unnecessary. Mr. Rector, who is a prominent statesman of Arkansas, has by now received a stronger and more personal reason for changing his mind. The appeal of his son's record is in his hands; it is sufficient.

Virginia and the South in general is proud of young Rector, and if necessary will charter the Lusitania for his personal transportation across the pond. Fans are still unable to realize the baseball situation. The lead held by the Lawmakers seems too good to be true, and the results of games played they read twice over and then give up trying to believe that it is actual and not fancy. It is a psychological phenomenon that the brain is unable to accept any very bad or very good news

on the instant. We comprehend but hazily at first, and only after long, but chucking philosophy, I'll give you my tip that not half the bunch that hang out at the park on sunny afternoons are able to realize that the Lawmakers are playing winning ball—real, sure-enough, catch 'em and soak 'em baseball.

Nevertheless, they are, and the rest of the league will have to make up a whole lot to get in the running. Portsmouth has got the fastest fielding team that has appeared here against Richmond, and yet they were out-fielded Saturday in easy style. Ison is doing some fine work at second, and seems to play a little better every day, while that habit he has of putting a dent into the left field bleachers is decidedly commendable. Boyle has been showing up mightily well behind the bat lately, and cuts the runners off at second in fine style.

Jackson is worth watching closely; here the end of the season he is liable to make everybody sit up and take notice. In fact, his promise is unlimited, as he is practically a green pitcher, with a vast variety of curves and great speed.

During the past week every member of Lips' squad has made a first-class show.

This morning the team leaves for Lynchburg, and there should be some hot games played during the next three days. It is a pretty sure thing that the result will be two to one in favor of either side.

The last two weeks have been miserable for baseball all over the country, and the pitchers that went through it without suffering serious consequences are lucky. The temperature has been of the character that ties up and stiffens the muscles which they have to play in a manner that takes days of warm weather and much nursing to make right again.

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The first tennis matches of the season were played at the Henric Club Friday and Saturday between the University of Virginia team and members of the club. The former won in singles and the latter in doubles. While the exhibition was not fast it was as good as could be expected at this early date. Of more importance was the interest shown in the games. Tennis has always been a popular sport in Richmond, and some likely players promise to develop this year.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the officials of the Deep Run Club that have arranged the show and race meet for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. Everything is in readiness and ready for the opening at this moment. The show will be on the most tremendous scale of any ever held in Virginia. The number of amateur horses is not only the greatest of new records, but it is at a previous meet, but they are the best that the State can breed, which is putting it strong.

In the sixteen classes there are over 250 entries, while in the handicapped alone forty hunters are to appear. Horsesmen from all parts of the country will convene here this week.

The track meets at Virginia and at Washington, and Lee's performance two other university records were broken. Lawrence Martin, in the pole vault, cleared the bar at 10 feet 2 inches, defeating the heretofore invincible Sterrett, of George Washington. Edwin Holladay and Archie Randolph both broke the high jump record at 5 feet 10 1/2 inches.

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A number of Richmond exhibitors were out yesterday with their horses. Mr. Charles E. Whitlock, Mr. Charles A. Brown and Mr. C. T. Walters showed some handsome roadsters that will certainly have to be reckoned with in that class. Mr. O. J. Sands and Mr.

George C. Gregory had some prospective winners in the saddle class. Mr. W. C. Saunders, Mr. G. J. Enkelking and Mr. Rees Taylor arrived with their respective strings yesterday from Pimlico, Masters, Base, Temple, Wadley, McDonough and others have been here for several days. Mr. W. S. Fields, from Gloucester; Mr. Jack Cussens, from Louisa; and Mr. G. F. Finnigan and the Petersburg contingent will arrive to-day. Mr. W. W. Osborne, Mr. J. N. Andrews and Mr. John J. Daniel, from Orange; Messrs. Byers Brothers & Kountz, from Rockingham county; Mr. Bernard Deswell, Mr. David Dunlop, Mr. C. H. Hunkamp, Mr. "Buck" Langhorne and a number of others are expected Tuesday morning.

Dr. Woodstock's stables at the north end of the grounds will be filled with the very best show horses in Virginia, and some of the fastest race-horses in the country. The meet this week will be the largest ever held in Virginia, and will be the social event of the spring.

The international sporting feature of the week will be the championship round of the British court tennis tournament at the Queens Club, London.

Wednesday the running horse races will be transferred to Belmont Park. The feature event of that day will be the Metropolitan Handicap, in which six entered some of the best steeplechase horses in training.

To-morrow in New York will be held the annual meeting of the middle States regatta, and officers will be elected and a course chosen for the regatta to be held September 7th. The sentiment of the oarsmen apparently tends toward the selection of the Potomac River at Washington for this year's races.

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The following are the contests and the winners:
Senior ball throw, won by Rowe—100 yards 8 inches.
Junior ball throw, won by Barn—57 yards 1 foot.
Senior running high jump, won by McGowan—5 feet 11 inches.
Junior running high jump, won by G. Shepherd—5 feet 10 inches.
Senior 88-yard dash, won by Rowe—11 1/2 seconds.
Junior 100-yard dash, won by G. Shepherd—12 1/2 seconds.
Running broad jump, won by Rowe—17 feet 9 inches.
Junior running broad jump, won by Barn—15 feet.
Putting shot, won by Reese—35 feet 6 inches.
Junior standing broad jump, won by McGowan—10 feet 10 inches.
Senior standing broad jump, won by Rowe—11 feet 10 inches.
100p. step and jump, won by McGowan—35 feet 2 inches.
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Pole vault, won by Cox—3 feet.
220-yard dash, won by Rowe—23 3/5 seconds.
High kick, won by Overby—7 feet.
Standing high jump, won by Rowe—4 feet 3 inches.
100p. dash, won by Gifford and Cason—15 seconds.
Shoe race, won by Clark.
Backward race, won by Woodhouse.
Pick-a-back race, won by Ambrose and Gifford.
100p. dash, won by Russell—5 minutes 15 seconds.
100p. dash, won by Cason's team—3 minutes 51 seconds.
H. A. Rowe, champion.

In the evening the handsome building was brilliantly illuminated and profusely decorated with a wealth of spring flowers, not less than the ladies in beautiful evening costumes, who thronged the building, attended by their gallant escorts. There were a number of friends and patrons of the school.

In the large auditorium, which was also profusely decorated, a series of interesting exercises took place. First the prizes for the contests were presented, all of them desirable, presented by business firms and friends of the school. Mr. S. S. Lambeth, Jr., was the orator of the occasion, and was witty, eloquent and delightful throughout. A moment of intense interest to the young people was when the vote was by ballot for a queen to crown the victor, the result of

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